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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Present: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Amory, Colonel White,
Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Helms, Mr. Barnes, Mr. Sheldon,
Mr. Abbot Smith,

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MR. DULLES:

✓ a. Stated it would be helpful to the Agency in connection with our dealings with the Bureau of the Budget if we could show its representatives a list of projects which over a period of time had been reduced in cost and/or eliminated. He said he had gained the distinct impression during recent discussions with representatives of the BOB regarding our 1961 budget that the Bureau feels that we are continually asking for funds for new programs and projects on top of those already approved. Action: DD/P, DD/I, DD/S.

Note: During the Senior Staff Meeting on this date the Director also mentioned the above and stated no immediate action should be taken until such time as instructions are received by the various components from their respective Deputies. He did note, however, that he thought about 15 May should be the target date for completion of this report.

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25X1 d. Noted a cable to [] giving a rather full report of CIA financial support in that country, and commented he had some doubt as to whether this information should have been summed up and forwarded. Mr. Bissell noted that the State Department (Mr. Parsons) had concurred in making this information available to the U. S. Ambassador [] The Director said on something as important as this he would have gone to Mr. Herter and recommended against the action taken.

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MR. BISSELL:

Stated he would like to put in a strong plea for an SNIE on Iraq as a matter of urgency. He said [] had attended a meeting of the NSC Staff Committee on this country on 4 December and there was a hot argument on the Estimate of the situation rather than any discussion of action that should be taken. The Director approved and asked Mr. Smith to have a proposed Special Estimate ready for consideration of USIB at its meeting on 15 December.

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COLONEL WHITE:

a. Reported that a representative of GAO had been in last week to carry out the agreed examination of our accounting procedures and, after a general briefing, plans to spend some time with the Comptroller and the Director of Logistics.

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MR. KIRKPATRICK:

Reported that three members of the staff of the House Foreign Affairs Committee will receive a general briefing on CIA on 15 December.

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